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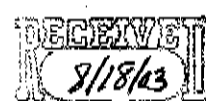
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**COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
VIRGINIA TIDEWATER CHAPTER**



Ms. Anne Lange  
Chief, State-Federal Fisheries Division  
NMFS Office Of Sustainable Fisheries  
1315 East West Highway, Room 13317  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Sunday, August 17, 2003

Dear Ms. Lange,

The 850 members of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), Virginia's Tidewater Chapter are against removing the moratorium on the harvest of Atlantic Striped Bass in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

A unanimous vote against opening the EEZ to Atlantic Striped Bass fishing was taken during our August meeting and I was asked to send you this letter. I am sure you know the CCA's position that the EEZ should not be opened unless it can be determined that such action would not disrupt management of striped bass by the states. We include 850 fishermen and women who would benefit by the opening, but are against it because of the future damage it will do to the Striped Bass stocks.

Thank you for taking time to read our letter.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely



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Dear M. Lange,

I realize this is a divisive issue for recreational and commercial fishermen. Being on the retail end of things I urge you to leave the EEZ closed for further study to protect the fish and all groups involved. Good luck.

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*I fish & I  
 vote!!!*

*Dear Ms Lange,*  
*Opening the EEZ to the harvesting*  
*of Large Striped Bass, gives the*  
*Commercial "whores" free rein*  
*(No enforcement or spotty at best)*  
*... don't stop it*

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B. → What society hopes for the  
future we must plan for today  
The economic gain for a group  
of commercial fishermen is nothing  
compared to the loss of recreation  
dollar spent on the renewed  
fishing in the Northeast.

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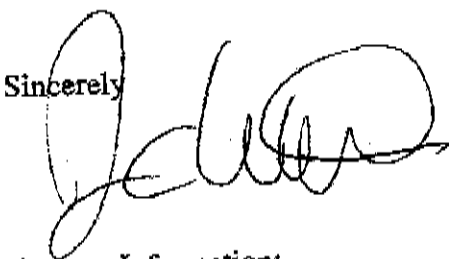
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